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Re: Comments Red Leaf Resources Application for Large Mining Operations in Utah,
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Dear Ms Dean, P.E.:

On behalf of Environmentally Conscious Consumers for Oil Shale (ECCOS), I wish to express my organization's full support of Red Leaf Resource's (RLR) application to commence large mining operations for the purposes of developing oil shale in the Uinta Basin (M0470103).

ECCOS is a grassroots, nonprofit organization. We have members in Colorado and Utah and plans to expand into Wyoming. Our mission is to educate the public and elected officials in the United States about oil shale and energy issues, as well as, promote the potential development of oil shale. ECCOS believes that the development of oil shale, as well as other domestic energy fuel sources, could very well contribute to economic development in Utah, Colorado and Wyoming, as well as decrease our nation's dependency on foreign fossil fuels.

Support by ECCOS of RLR's application is based on the following:

- RLR has met the challenges of the permitting process as set forth by Division of Oil Gas and Mining (DOGM). RLR has demonstrated this by detailing environmental, geological and mining studies that provide assurances that the proposed project can be developed in a responsible and environmentally conscious manner that is consistent with the regulatory requirements of permit issuance.

- The direct and indirect positive economic impacts that can be provided by the RLR project could potentially serve as a boon for the state of Utah by providing hundreds of good paying jobs, increased tax revenues and royalties.
- ECCOS feels that energy security in our nation is of the upmost importance and the RLR project serves to help capitalize on the largest and richest known deposits of oil shale in all in the world. Thusly decreasing our nation's dependency on fossil fuels from foreign and unstable governments.

ECCOS applauds the DOGM for their strong, consistent and streamlined process for environmental review and evaluation. This policy has put Utah in a strong position to lead the nation in delivering environmentally responsible domestic energy production while providing jobs, economic growth and security of our domestic energy needs.

ECCOS believes RLR's pursuit to develop the oil shale resource in Uintah County, Utah with the RLR Southwest #1 mine permit application has met the regulatory tests for issuance of this permit and will provide significant benefits locally, regionally and nationally.

ECCOS endorses the RLR permit application and we strongly urge the DOGM to approve the application so that this project can start as soon as possible.

Respectfully,

Brad McCloud
Executive Director
Environmentally Conscious Consumers for Oil Shale (ECCOS)